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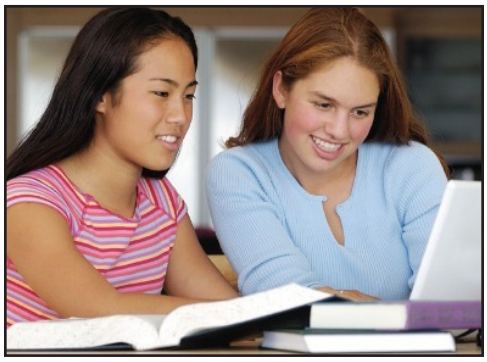

Going Green in Glendale. The city of Glendale offers a variety of services; education programs, tips and events to help Glendale residents, visitors and business owners practice a green lifestyle. Whether it's utilizing mass transit opportunities, encouraging carpooling or flex schedules for employees at your business, recycling or moving to a low-water-use landscape, the city of Glendale can help. The Glendale Green Web page serves as a one-stop shop with shortcuts to many departments and programs throughout the city. Please visit the page often as we continue to add new elements for you to explore.

Education Opportunities:

Public Safety Citizen Academy. Have an interest in policing or fire service and want to learn more? You can satisfy your curiosity by applying to Glendale's Public Safety Citizen Academy. This free program is a unique opportunity for Glendale residents or business owners to take an inside look at law enforcement and fire services. The Academy gives participants an extraordinary chance to learn, hands-on, about many public safety operations, such as crime scene investigation, tactical operations, use of canines and much more!

If you are over the age of 18, and interested in this exciting program, please call (623) 772-7118 to obtain the application and fingerprint request documents. Please note that a background check is required to be considered for this program. Deadline for completed background checks is July 25, in order to be considered. The class will begin on Wednesday, August 13 and run for 11 weeks (including some weekend dates). For more information, click here and scroll down to Public Safety Academy.

Night GED Prep Classes. Teachers from Rio Salado Adult Learning Center are presenting a free basic skills/GED prep class for individuals ages 16 and up who are not currently attending high school. Classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 8 and run for 12 weeks from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57 Ave.

All class materials will be provided. Participants must commit to attend the entire 12-week session. Free on-site child care of children ages 2-9 will be available. Space is limited in the class and for child care. Preference will be given to Glendale residents. Registration begins Aug. 1. Call (623) 930-3837 to sign up.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A new class is being offered to Glendale residents and employees who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. B.A.G. I.T. classes begin July 24 at the Glendale Adult Center. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus.

Some of the lessons include how to:

- Read a bus book
- Plan a trip
- Find the closest bus stop
- Signal the stop you need
- Purchase the best value bus ticket, i.e., monthly, daily, reduced, etc.
- Tender fares when getting on the bus

Class Information

Classes begin July 24 and will be held every fourth Thursday of the month (except in November and December, when the class will be on the third Thursday of the month). Class times are 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., and sessions are held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2035.

Glendale Public Library Receives Over $100,000 in Grant Funds

Glendale Public Library was recently notified that it will be receiving $101,521 in funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Grant money was awarded for the following projects:

- Expand the self-check technology to all Glendale libraries
- Itty Bitty Readers Program
- Evening Family Programming
- GED Prep Classes
- Glendale History Online

For more information, call (623) 930-3554 or click here to read the news release.

Around Town

Christmas in July This Saturday! The weather may be frightful, but shopping in downtown Glendale during Christmas in July will be delightful! Celebrate the joy of the season early on Saturday, July 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. Read more.

Film/Discussion Series. "Good Will Hunting" (1998) starring Matt Damon will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 19 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Film scholar Jeannie Berg will lead a discussion following the film. Click here or call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

Summer Band Concert, Last Week. Join the Summer Band for their last performance of the season on Thursday, July 24 at the amphitheater in Murphy Park, located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave. The free performances have been sponsored in part by Glendale Civic Pride and offer a great evening for the entire family. The symphony, made up of more than 100 musicians, will please crowds with renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a chair or blanket for the lawn seating. For more information, call (623) 930-2820.

2nd Annual World Records Day. What in the WORLD is happening on July 26? Breaking records! Do you have what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? Give it your best shot at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center's 2nd World Records Day on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. This event will showcase a variety of established world records that are just waiting to be broken! This free event will be held in the Coyote Room at the center, located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, call (623) 930-4610.

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this monthly gathering. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

Backyard Stargazing. "Backyard Stargazing" will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 4 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Weather permitting, telescope and binocular viewing will follow the free program. Telescopes will be provided or attendees may bring their own viewing equipment. Instructor Tony La Conte is a "Solar System Ambassador," one of seven Arizonans chosen to organize public educational events about solar system exploration. For more information about the free program, call (623) 930-3573.

Glendale Coffeehouse. It never changes. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Performing in the large meeting room on Aug. 6 will be three terrific acts. A. Rocco Mare brings mellow and thoughtful originals to the Coffeehouse, Wyllow Ravenscroft, with an ethereal style and wistful ambiance, performs traditional folk music and Ken Harold is back with many great songs from the '60s and '70s. For more information, call (623) 930-3573. Admission is free.

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